



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

TOSHIO MATSUMURA ET AL

Ser. No.: 09/594,324

Filed: June 15, 2000

) FILTER FOR REMOVING CONTAMI-  
) NANTS FROM WATER AND METHOD  
) OF FORMING THE FILTER  
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) Examiner I. Cintins  
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) Art Unit 1724

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
Sir:

Responsive to the Office action dated September 27, 2001, applicant elects to prosecute claims 1-24 (Group I) drawn to a filter.

Applicant makes this election with traverse.

An early and favorable action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

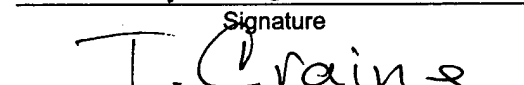
  
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